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1. What did a judge order D.A. Seth Williams' ex-girlfriend do as part of her sentence in a tire-slashing case?

2. How tall is Cowboys leading receiver Cole Beasley?

3. After "Inferno," what is Felicity Jones' other big movie this year?

3 things you need to know

PUTIN SAYS US HYSTERIA OVER RUSSIA AN ELECTION PLOY

Russian President Vladimir Putin said American politicians were whipping up hysteria about a mythical Russian threat in the U.S. presidential campaign as a ploy to distract voters from their own failings. Putin, addressing an audience of foreign-policy experts gathered in southern Russia, said he found it hard to believe that anyone seriously thought Moscow was capable of influencing the Nov. 8 election. The U.S. government has formally accused Russia of a campaign of cyberattacks against Democratic Party organizations, while Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton has accused Republican rival Donald Trump of being a Putin "puppet." "Hysteria has been whipped up in the United States about the influence of Russia over the U.S. presidential election," said Putin, calling it a ruse to cover up for the fact that the U.S. political elite had nothing to say about serious issues such as the country's national debt or gun control. REUTERS

MAN ARRESTED FOR DEFACING TRUMP'S WALK OF FAME STAR

A man was arrested Thursday for defacing Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's star a day earlier on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles with a sledgehammer and a pickax, police said. A man who identified himself to local media as James Lambert Otis was captured on video in a hard hat and reflective vest as he hacked at the star before dawn Wednesday on a bustling sidewalk in Hollywood. Trump, the former host of NBC's reality TV show "The Apprentice," received his Walk of Fame star in 2007. City police Thursday arrested a man for felony vandalism in connection with the stunt and took him to Men's Central Jail, police spokesman Aareon Jefferson said in a phone interview. Jefferson said he could not immediately provide the man's name. Otis had planned to turn himself in to police later Thursday morning after holding a news conference, according to Los Angeles-based City News Service. REUTERS

TWITTER CUTS JOBS WITH EYE ON 2017 PROFIT; VINE DISCONTINUED

Twitter said Thursday it would cut 9 percent of its global workforce to keep costs down even as quarterly results eclipsed Wall Street's beaten-down expectations, lifting shares that had fallen after a failed effort to sell the company. More than 300 Twitter employees will be affected by the layoffs as part of a broader restructuring, a figure similar to an earlier round of reductions announced a year ago. Separately, the company announced it would discontinue Vine, a video app launched in 2013 that played brief clips on a repeat loop that struggled to compete with Facebook's Instagram. The reductions of staff and services were blunted somewhat by the backdrop of third-quarter revenue growth that slowed sharply but topped analysts' expectations. REUTERS

Eric Trump, left, with fifth-generation Yuengling owner Richard Yuengling, Jr., pictured at the brewery's Pottsville, Pa. headquarters Monday. TWITTER / @ERICTRUMP

Bars yank Yuengling after brewer voices support for Trump

State Rep. Brian Sims led the charge after the brewery hosted Trump's son earlier this week.

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Bars in the Gayborhood have taken a stand against Donald Trump, and are pulling one of the state's most iconic drinks from their shelves.

U Bar and Tavern on Camac have stopped serving Yuengling and canceled all orders for the lager, both bars confirmed. Woody's is working on doing the same, state Rep. Brian Sims told Metro Thursday. Woody's management could not be reached for a comment.

Tavern on Camac and U Bar are owned by the same company, Tavern Group.

Sims, who represents the area, first called on the neighborhood's bars to stop serving the brew on Facebook after Trump's son Eric toured the Pottsville, Pa.-based brewery Monday and its owner, Richard Yuengling, expressed support for the Republican candidate.

"Our guys are behind your father," Yuengling said. "We need him in there."

Sims isn't happy. He led the charge first on Facebook, calling on bar owners to stop serving the brew in a fired-up post. Then, he started making phone calls.

"The first calls I made were to the Yuengling company. I tried to reach Dick Yuengling, I tried to reach the marketing department," Sims said. "Then, I reached out to the gay bar owners [in Philadelphia]."

An admitted lifelong fan of Yuengling, Sims explained that he can't continue contributing money to a company that supports Trump and his ideology.

"Today, in the sort of Hobby Lobby world we live in, we have to accept that the dollars we put into the market might come back to us as advocacy," Sims said. "It's coming back from people who want to harm us."

Yuengling, both the fifth-generation scion and the brewery that bears his family name, are no strangers to political controversy. The staunch conservative served as a delegate for George W. Bush in the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philly. He threatened to close the brewery in 2007 if his employees didn't decertify their local Teamsters union. His brew was reportedly banned from Gov. Tom Wolf's swearing-in after Teamsters declared a boycott.

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> Brian Sims

"Because of a great company like Yuengling," Trump said during his daylong tour of Western Pennsylvania, "workers can educate their kids and live a prosperous lifestyle."

Trump jumped on his father's common rhetoric, blaming high taxes and Obamacare for "destroying" American businesses, the Reading Eagle reported.

"My father's going to make it a lot easier for business to function," Donald Trump's third child said. "We're going to do it right here in the U.S."

Meanwhile, Sims said it's time to give another beer a chance to be Pennsylvania's unofficial ale.

"Philly's gay bars and Center City bars in general are among the biggest sellers of Yuengling in the Commonwealth, and Yuengling is one of the most prevalent beers on tap. ... I would love to find one of the many microbreweries or Philadelphia breweries to replace Yuengling," he said. "I'm sure we're going to spend a lot of time figuring out what to replace Yuengling with and I'm excited about that conversation."

Sims added that he'll be traveling to his hometown of Downingtown on Friday and plans to stop at Victory Brewing Company, which is headquartered there.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE PAGE

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"We're bracing for all the calls and to make sure everyone gets their Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heater before the harsh winter weather hits, UPS® drivers have been instructed to make home deliveries anywhere in the United States," Martin said.

"Just remember, to get your fireplace heater you must find the first two digits of your zip code listed in today's publication and be one of the first area readers to call the Toll Free Hotline at 1-866-211-6071 before the 48-hour deadline ends," he said. ■

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Judge acquits Sanders delegate of DNC breast-licking charges

Drops all charges after hearing testimony that victim's story changed from first reports to interviews with police.

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'asn't typical election ews, but it set tongues a-agging across the coun-y.

A 74-year-old Bernie anders delegate in town or the Democratic Na-onal Convention was ccused of slathering his ngue over the breasts of younger female delegate uring a late night at a ho-l bar.

But Thursday, a judge cquitted Walter Weeks, f Delaware County, of a riminal charge accusing im of the salacious act.

The story was widely reported after Gwendolyn Snyder, 31, of Philadelphia, went to the news media and criticized District Attorney Seth Williams' decision not to press charges. The D.A.'s office reversed course and announced charges against Weeks in September.

At Thursday's bench trial, Snyder described a vile encounter just after 2 a.m. in the bar at the Doubletree Hotel on South Broad Street. She said the older man hugged her. He then buried his face in her breast and he "looked almost like Gene Simmons from Kiss, licking me really elaborately," she said. He used his tongue like he was administering cunnilingus, she said.

"Then he looked up at me and smiled, and said, 'Can we still be friends?'" she testified.

Judge Charles Hayden threw out an indecent assault charge against Weeks after a three-hour bench trial. In a brief statement, Hayden said several character witnesses who testified on behalf of Weeks factored into the acquittal.

The friends who appeared in support of Weeks disagreed with Snyder's portrayal of him as a predator.

One person who knew Weeks said after the trial he has a medical condition that causes drymouth, so he often has to lick his lips, and suggested that may have been misinterpreted by Snyder.

Two other Sanders delegates in the hotel that night testified they didn't see or hear about an assault.

"I wasn't really paying attention, but out of the corner of my eye, it looked like a goodbye hug," testified delegate Peter Winebrake, who was sitting next to Weeks at the bar. "She reacted angrily to whatever happened. Then she left. It didn't seem to be a big deal at the time."

As Snyder told it, she shoved Weeks away, cursed at him and told him what he had done was "not OK" before fleeing back up to her hotel room. Surveillance cameras caught her returning to the lobby 10 minutes later. That's when she reported the encounter to Winebrake and Charles Pasquale, leader of the Pennsylvania Sanders delegates.

Neither recalled her saying the words "sexual assault."

According to Pasquale, Snyder told them Weeks kissed and licked her neck during a hug. It was after 2:30 a.m. and he offered to call Democratic party officials the next day to get their input.

Gwendolyn Snyder, seen outside of court after the acquittal on Thursday, stood by her original accusations. SAM NEWHOUSE

"I didn't hear a crime," he testified, adding that he "absolutely" would have taken action if he had.

The next day, he said, he learned Snyder accused Weeks of manipulating her dress and licking her breast just above the nipple during the hug. He questioned and another leading delegate questioned Weeks, who denied everything.

Meanwhile, Snyder testified that she reported the attack to police after realizing Weeks' credentials would not be revoked and "nobody would take me seriously," she said. She spent the final days of the convention emotionally overwhelmed, just trying to avoid seeing Weeks.

Outside of court, Snyder stood by her original accusations and denied changing her story, saying she definitely told Pasquale and Winebrake she was sexually assaulted.

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Riders wait at a SEPTA track in Suburban Station. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

What happens if SEPTA strikes?

Your guide to navigating the city if (or when) transit workers walk off.

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No, it's not a Halloween prank.

On Monday, buses and trains in Philly could screech to a halt unless SEPTA and its union laborers can agree on a new contract. This isn't the first time members of Transit Workers Local Union 234 have walked off the platform, but if there's a strike, expect commuting to be a nightmare.

A strike would shut down SEPTA's bus, subway and trolley services in Philadelphia. Regional Rail and services outside the city would not be affected.

As a precaution, SEPTA released a contingency plan Wednesday for its estimated 576,000 daily riders. The transit service recommends using the Regional Rail for travel within the city, but admitted that the lines are "already operating at near capacity," and asked its riders to consider adjusting their work schedules to ease crowding on trains.

The Regional Rail is already experiencing overcrowding as it recovers from taking one-third of its rail cars out of service this summer for repairs.

Meanwhile, the city's largest employer, the University of Pennsylvania, has released its own contingency plan: The university partnered with Drexel, the UPenn Health System and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and will provide free transit service to all employees of those and affiliated institutions at Penn. Staff of affiliated institutions, like Allied Barton, Bon Appétit and L.F. Driscoll, will receive transportation-only guest passes.

Penn and Drexel will also run buses to pick up passengers from the 15th and Locust streets PATCO station in the morning, and will operate two afternoon pickup locations: 3231 Walnut St., and 33rd and Ludlow streets. The service is free to all faculty, staff and students of both universities. For more information, visit upenn.edu/penntransit.

Temple University has not yet released any contingency plans, but a university spokesman said the university is "actively monitoring the situation."

City Hall hasn't released any plans in the event of a strike, but Mayor Jim Kenney implored the union and SEPTA to find a solution:

"Any work stoppage would have an adverse effect on tens of thousands of commuters who rely on the buses, trolleys and subways to get to and from work and school — many of whom have no other affordable transportation options," Kenney said in a news release. "I urge both sides to stay at the table and hammer out a resolution to their differences."

Meanwhile, Uber and Lyft are expected to win legal status in the city after sailing through the state senate earlier this week. Uber on Thursday told Metro that it expects to see a growth in the number of drivers on the road now that its legal status is not questionable.

Uber's communications director, Craig Ewer, said to "stay tuned" when asked if Uber will offer any special rates during the strike.

Union workers approved a strike earlier this month to begin at midnight on the first, when their contracts expire. Union officials said the contract dispute focuses on a need for pension reform, quality health care and safety and fatigue issues for drivers.

TWU 234 President Willie Brown told Metro the union could strike for "as long as it takes." The walk-off could include anywhere from 4,500 to 4,800 SEPTA transit workers, officials said.

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Clinton, Michelle Obama make first joint campaign appearance

Hillary Clinton and first lady Michelle Obama GETTY IMAGES

Trump has fallen behind Clinton in opinion polls ahead of the election amid a series of accusations from women that Trump groped them or kissed them without their consent.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton made her first joint campaign appearance Thursday with one of her most powerful supporters, first lady Michelle Obama, at a North Carolina rally to urge young people and women to vote.

Clinton, a former first lady who lost the 2008 Democratic nomination to then-U.S. Senator Barack Obama before becoming his secretary of state, praised Michelle Obama for standing up for the rights of girls and women worldwide, drawing a sharp contrast with Republican nominee Donald Trump.

"I wish I didn't have to say this. ... But indeed, dignity and respect for women and girls is also on the ballot in this election," Clinton told a crowd of about 11,000. "And I want to thank our first lady for her eloquent, powerful defense of that basic value."

Michelle Obama's stinging denunciation of Trump after a leaked 2005 video showed him making lewd remarks and bragging about groping women was seen by many as one of the campaign's most striking condemnations of the New York businessman.

Without naming Trump, Obama took him to task again in North Carolina, asking the crowd which candidate they wanted to represent their daughters from the White House.

"We want a president who takes this job seriously, and has the temperament and maturity to do it well. Someone who is steady. Someone who we can trust with the nuclear codes," Obama said.

"I would not be here lying to you: I believe with all of my heart that Hillary Clinton will be that president," she said.

The latest RealClearPolitics poll average shows Clinton with a nearly six-point national lead over Trump, fueled by declining support for the former reality TV star among women.

Although Michelle Obama was critical of Clinton during the hard-fought 2008 Democratic nominating race, any trace of bitterness appeared long behind them. The two women showed an easy rapport. They embraced and smiled. Obama called Clinton "my girl" and made a point of telling the crowd they were tight.

"If people wonder: Yes, Hillary Clinton is my friend," she said.

Clinton promised to take good care of Obama's White House vegetable garden if she won and wistfully praised the athletic first lady's dancing skills. "If only," Clinton said. REUTERS

"We want a president who takes this job seriously, and has the temperament and maturity to do it well. Someone who is steady. Someone who we can trust with the nuclear codes."

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Trump pushes Melania back onto campaign stage

The couple appeared in a taped ABC interview broadcast on Thursday less than two weeks before the Nov. 8 presidential election against Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Donald Trump with his wife Melania. GETTY IMAGES

Melania Trump will give two or three speeches in the final days of the presidential race, Republican candidate Donald Trump said in a television interview, apparently surprising his wife.

Melania, who has mostly remained off the campaign trail to care for the couple's 10-year-old son, was asked if she was going to campaign for her husband in the homestretch.

"We will see," she said. "My priority is my son Barron, and I support [my husband] 100 percent and I'm there for him every time he needs me."

Trump indicated that time is now. "She is actually going to make two or three speeches," he interjected, drawing an "Oh!" from his wife.

Melania has stayed largely out of the public eye since the Republican National Convention in July, when she gave a speech that borrowed portions of first lady Michelle Obama's address to the 2008 Democratic convention.

"She's amazing when she speaks," Trump said of his third wife, a former model from Slovenia. "She is an amazing public speaker. She's agreed to do two or three speeches, and I think it's going to be big speeches, important speeches."

The New York real estate mogul, who is making his first run for office, is down an average of 5.4 percentage points in national opinion polls against Clinton, a former senator and secretary of state, according to Real Clear Politics.

Trump has been struggling to attract women voters after a series of damaging revelations and allegations about his treatment of women. Several women have accused him of making unwanted sexual advances, including groping or kissing, in incidents dating back to the early 1980s, according to reports in various news outlets. REUTERS

OVER THE FALLS

TOM FOREMAN
Opinion
CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

From the start, skeptics have speculated Donald Trump's bid for the presidency is the political equivalent of riding a barrel over Niagara Falls — a risky, publicity stunt. Their theory: Trump never really expected to become a nominee; he just wanted to draw attention, snare some headlines and boost his business profile. Maybe score another TV show. Or go on tour with Taylor Swift. Who knows what rich people dream of?

To be sure, Trump has rarely missed a chance to promote his brand with his presidential bid. This week, even amid the final frantic days of the race, he took time to cut the ribbon on his new hotel just blocks from the White House. In a way, that's kind of how he began. He entered the race by riding an escalator down from his corporate headquarters, to proclaim against a backdrop of American flags, "It's great to be in Trump Tower!"

When he racked up Super Tuesday wins in the primaries, he celebrated by plugging his private club in Florida, saying "It's so great to be at Mar-a-Lago!" When he flew to Scotland to open a new resort in the wake of the Brexit vote, he briefly wished the Brits "a lot of luck" then spoke at length about the virtues of his golf course.

Trump has bragged repeatedly on the campaign trail about the value of his name no matter what it is attached to: steaks, bottled water, land, airlines, office buildings, casinos, a magazine, and on and on. Never mind that some examples aren't exactly rip roaring successes — Trump has steadily used his brand to push his policies, and his policies to push his brand.

This week, the raging question has been: If Trump loses, will his brand suffer? I think it might. For about as long as it takes to iron a hundred-dollar bill. But I suspect once the roar of the election is over, his barrel will pop to the surface, and a grinning Donald Trump will once again be laughing all the way to the bank.

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US charges 61 over India-based impersonation debt scam

The defendants, including 24 people across nine states, were indicted by a grand jury in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

The Justice Department charged 61 people and entities on Thursday with taking part in a scam involving India-based call centers where agents impersonated Internal Revenue Service, immigration and other federal officials and demanded payments for nonexistent debts.

The scam, which had operated since 2013, targeted at least 15,000 people who lost more than $300 million. Twenty people were arrested in the United States on Thursday, while 32 individuals and five call centers in India have been charged, the department said in a statement.

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U.S. Assistant Attorney General Leslie Caldwell said at a news conference that the United States will be seeking the extradition of those based in India and warned others engaged in similar schemes.

According to the indictment, the operators of the call centers in Ahmedabad, in the Indian state of Gujarat, "threatened potential victims with arrest, imprisonment, fines or deportation if they did not pay taxes or penalties to the government."

Victim paymentswere laundered by a U.S. network of co-conspirators using prepaid debit cards or wire transfers, often using stolen or fake identities, the statement said.

U.S. Assistant Attorney General Leslie Caldwell GETTY IMAGES

"It's really important for the scammers in India to know that the United States is looking at this, is watching them and they could, if they engage in that activity, be extradited to the United States and could sit in jail ... for several years."

Caldwell

The call centers also ran scams in which victims were offered short-term loans or grants on condition of providing good-faith deposits or payment of a processing fee, it said.

The investigation involved Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Treasury, Homeland Security, Secret Service and police officials, the Justice Department said. REUTERS

BRIEF

NATO seeks to manage Russia's new military deployments

President Vladimir Putin's high-profile military deployments aim to showcase Russian power in any global confrontation with the West, NATO officials say, but the alliance will not seek to match Moscow's actions.

Curtis Scaparrotti, the U.S.-led alliance's top commander, told allied defense ministers on Wednesday that more than 120,000 Russian troops took part in exercises in September which culminated with the firing of a missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, diplomats said.

As Russia's sole aircraft carrier passed Europe's shores this week, reports of its warships equipped with nuclear-capable missiles in the Baltic alarmed allies. The alliance is also concerned by Moscow's deployment of ballistic Iskander missiles in the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad.

"The main challenge is not individual events or deployments," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters. "It is the overall picture, where we see a substantial increase in Russia's capabilities at sea, in the air and on land; exercises with a more aggressive patterns."

Stoltenberg declined to say publicly what he thought Russia's overall aims are. But Scaparrotti, who is also a U.S. Army general, told defense ministers that Russia was seeking, in military parlance, "escalation dominance," according to people briefed on the discussions.

That strategy holds that a military power can best contain and control conflicts if it is dominant at each step in an escalation with an adversary, potentially all the way to the biggest threat, nuclear weapons.

Some military analysts believe Putin holds this doctrine close to his heart.

"Putin is showing a desire for dominance," said a senior NATO diplomat. "From the Arctic, to the Baltic and the Black Sea, sometimes simultaneously, Russia wants to use sophisticated weaponry mixed with ships of a Soviet vintage."

Russia's ambassador to NATO, Alexander Grushko, said it was the West, not Moscow, that threatened European security. REUTERS

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		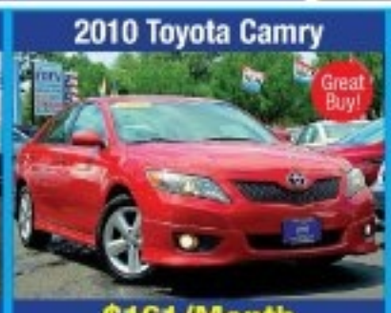		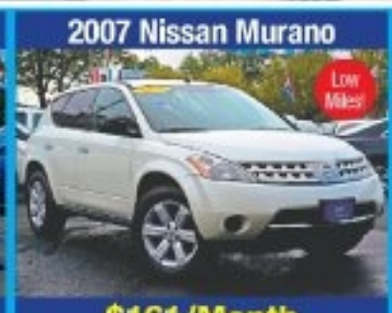	
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			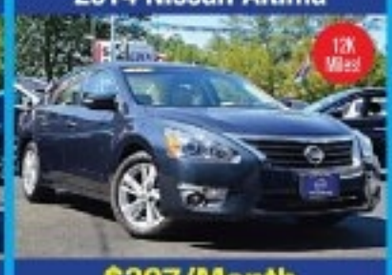		
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NJ man pleads guilty to charge in Rutgers cyberbullying case

Dharun Ravi, 24, the New Jersey man accused of recording his roommate Tyler Clementi kissing another man, was convicted in 2012 on 15 charges, including several bias intimidation counts and invasion of privacy.

Dharun Ravi GETTY IMAGES

The former Rutgers University student whose high-profile cyber bullying conviction was overturned last month pleaded guilty Thursday to attempted invasion of privacy, prosecutors said.

Clementi, 18, committed suicide three days after learning Ravi broadcasted images of him and the man online to a group of other students. Clementi's death sparked a national debate over cyberbullying and discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Ravi, who faced up to 10 years in prison, will be sentenced to the time he has already served on the charges, which was 30 days, allowing him to avoid further prison time for the third-degree offense.

Neither Ravi's attorney nor a representative for the Clementi family could immediately be reached for comment.

"Reaching the plea agreement was a reasonable way to resolve the case in view of the appellate court decision, which dismissed a series of criminal bias charges that had been leveled against the defendant by a grand jury in Middlesex County," prosecutor Andrew Carey said in a statement on Thursday.

Last year, the state's Supreme Court struck down part of the law under which Ravi was charged as unconstitutionally vague. That led a New Jersey appeals court in September to throw out Ravi's conviction.

Prosecutors had conceded that Ravi's guilty verdict on those counts should be vacated but argued that his conviction for other crimes, including invasion of privacy and witness tampering, should stand.

But the Appellate Division of the state Superior Court concluded that none of the convictions could remain in place because the bias allegations loomed over the entire case.

"Our sympathies remain with the victim's family, which continues to work to protect our at-risk youth."
Carey

Ravi's original sentence also included three years of probation, 300 hours of community service, cyber-bullying counseling and a $10,000 contribution to an organization dedicated to helping victims of bias crimes, all of which he has served.
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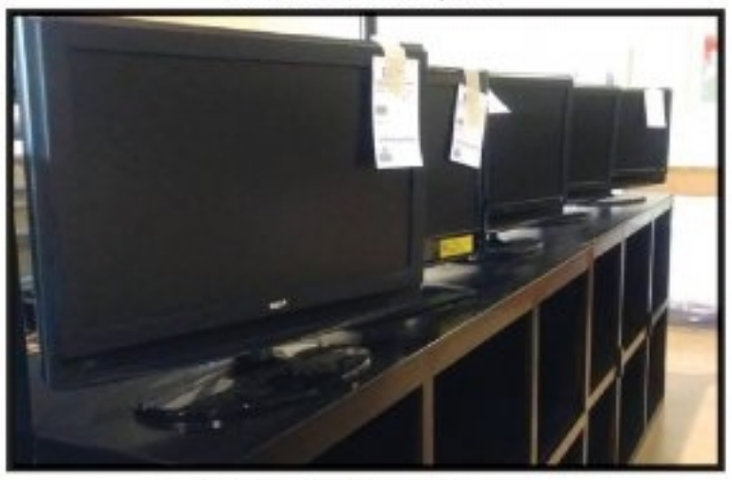

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NJ 'Bridgegate' judge delays closing arguments

U.S. District Judge Susan Wigenton told jurors to return Friday morning for closing arguments, which are now expected to last into Monday.

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Closing arguments in New Jersey's "Bridgegate" trial were unexpectedly postponed by a day on Thursday because of an unspecified "legal issue" that must be resolved, the trial judge said.

U.S. prosecutors in Newark had been scheduled to begin summing up the evidence against two former allies of Gov. Chris Christie who are accused of orchestrating lane closures at the busy George Washington Bridge to New York City in September 2013 in an act of political retribution.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers, who also left for the day, declined to comment on the nature of the issue.

Jurors have heard more than a month of testimony in the trial of Bridget Anne Kelly, Christie's former deputy chief of staff, and Bill Baroni, former deputy executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, operator of the bridge.

Prosecutors say the two conspired with another Port Authority executive, David Wildstein, to create massive gridlock in Fort Lee, New Jersey, to punish the town's mayor for refusing to back Christie's 2013 reelection campaign.

The scandal damaged Christie's political standing as he was beginning a campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. The governor is a top adviser to Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Christie, who has not been charged with wrongdoing, has said he was unaware of the lane closings at the time.

But testimony at the trial from several witnesses have contradicted Christie's claim.

Wildstein, who pleaded guilty and testified for the government, said he and Baroni discussed the plot with Christie as it was unfolding.

Baroni and Kelly each took the stand and said they spoke with Christie about the lane closures, though they said they believed that the closures were part of a legitimate traffic study. REUTERS

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Apple adds touch screen keys to MacBook Pro, price jump startles some

Apple unveiled a revamped MacBook Pro on Thursday, adding a fingerprint reader, replacing function keys with a small touch screen and raising prices several hundred dollars.

The first redesign in several years is a sign Apple still sees a role for the product that launched the company, even though its iPhone has become the flagship product.

Ben Bajarin, an analyst at Creative Strategies, described the changes as "important incremental upgrades" that would persuade people with old Macs to trade up to the smaller, faster model.

But he noted that Microsoft's competing Surface notebook allowed touch on its main screen.

The new pricing is roughly in line with

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expectations, Bajarin said, but it surprised some.

On Twitter, many potential buyers were underwhelmed by the new features and posted pictures of people crying about the new prices. Others tweeted that they hoped for more products.

Customers will be able to access the new machines with Touch ID, the fingerprint reader also used on iPhones, and use the touch screen bar of keys, called the Touch Bar, to control programs on the main screen.

The buttons, which change depending on which programs the user is running, effectively act as a second screen, showing older versions of a picture being edited, for example.

Other computer makers have chosen to use touch screens for the main display screen, including Microsoft's first desktop and a revamped Surface Book laptop, launched Wednesday.

The MacBook Pro with Touch ID, Touch Bar and a 13-inch screen will start at $1,799, compared with $1,299 for the previous 13-inch product. Apple also will offer a 13-inch MacBook Pro without the Touch ID and Touch Bar for $1,499.

The 15-inch notebook will start at $2,399, compared with $1,999 for the previous version. REUTERS

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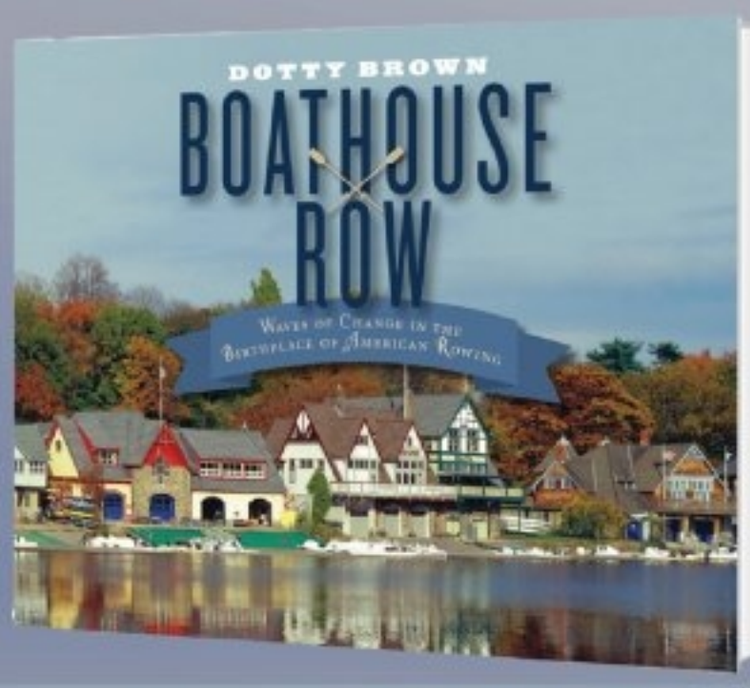

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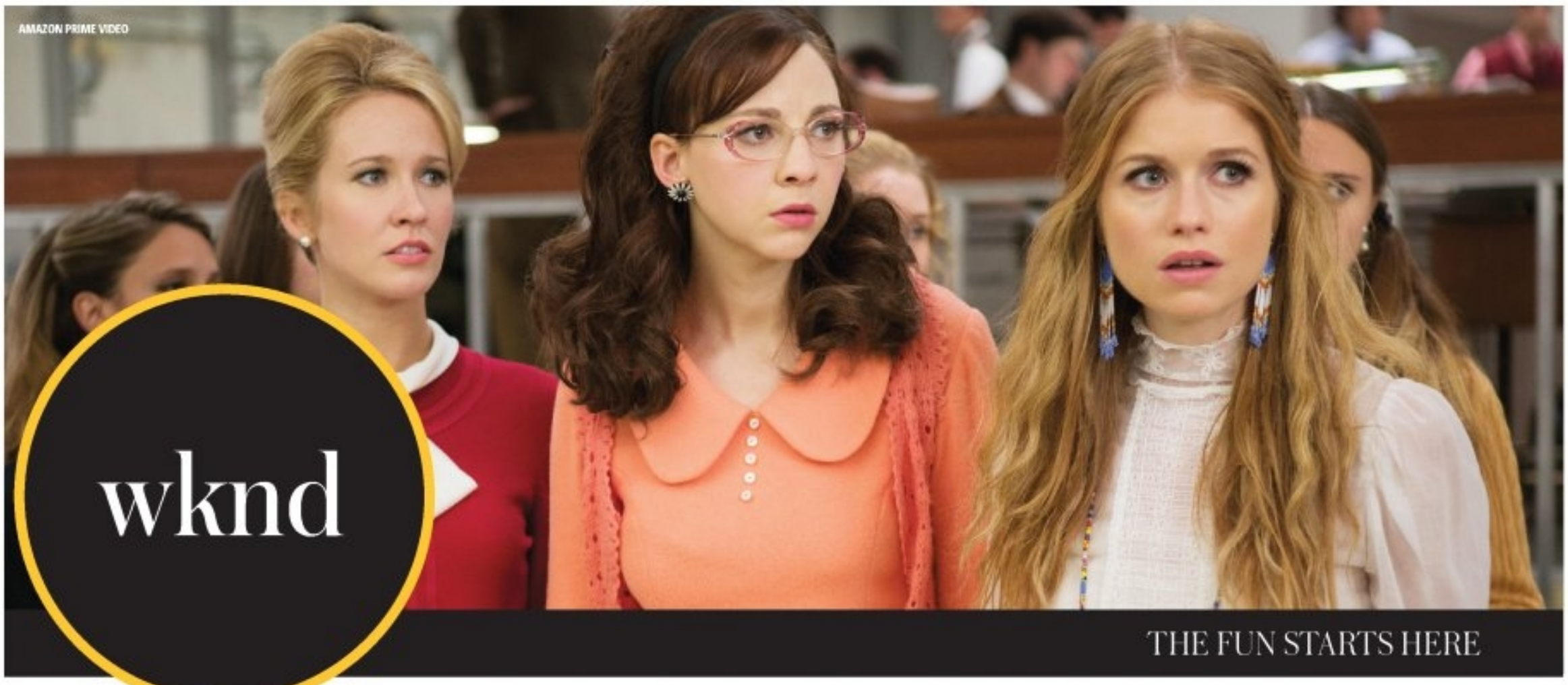

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The women of 'Good Girls Revolt' want to save Melania from Trump

Amazon's new series is a '60s period piece that tackles sexism we still see today.

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The stars of "Good Girls Revolt" want you to know their show is not a "Mad Men" knockoff.

While both are '60s workplace dramas with a flair for the music and fashion of the era, the tone and verve of Amazon's new 10-part series feel more like if Peggy Olson got a spin-off.

Created by Dana Calvo ("Narcos"), Season 1 of "Good Girls Revolt" opens in 1969, just as "Mad Men" was winding down. It tells the true story of 46 women at Newsweek who sued their bosses for gender discrimination in a landmark 1970 case, detailed in the book "The Good Girls Revolt" by Lynn Povich.

The series' heroines Jane (Anna Camp, "Pitch Perfect" and "True Blood"), Patti (Genevieve Angelson, "Backstrom") and Cindy (Erin Darke, "Love and Mercy"), are 20-somethings who work at the fictional News of the Week at a time when the men were reporters and the women were resigned to the role of researchers — essentially, they did the heavy lifting, but never saw a byline.

But this story is unmistakably theirs.

"Don Draper is the voice of 'Mad Men' and he is bitter and jaded. These three girls are full of light and hope," says Camp, (who, incidentally, you may recognize as Draper's mistress Bethany van Nuys in "Mad Men" Season 4).

We sat down with the three stars to talk about how the show tackles issues, from sexual discrimination to the wage gap, that make it so relevant today — and how the costuming helped them all seamlessly transition back to the era.

This show could not be premiering at a more apropos time. When Joy Bryant's character (ACLU lawyer Eleanor Holmes Norton) says, "10 is better than two, two is better than one," that made me think of how Donald Trump's video led to so many women coming forward about sexual assault.

Angelson: The other thing that Joy [Bryant] says is, she references the quote "I freed a thousand slaves, I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves." I think that's a lot of what this dialogue has created. Kelly Oxford saying [on Twitter] "tweet me your first sexual assault" and everyone having to be in a national dialogue about what sexual assault is. For me, it makes it very exciting that Trump is saying the things he is saying, because if people are going to think those things, let's say them out loud.

Darke: If Trump weren't running for president, if we had a sane human being [instead] and less of this national conversation and less relevance for this show, I'd take the trade! I was horrified while making the pilot by how relevant it was, the everyday inequalities and workplace interactions with men and women. I already was like, "This show is so relevant!" And then we made the season, and stepped off set and into this election, and I was like, "Holy s—, it's like Amazon is paying him!"

Camp: I want to woo Melania [Trump] over and be like, "Leave, leave, we'll give you a guest star on the show! We can save you and your daughters!"

How did you guys get into the feel of the era?

Camp: Our costume designer was amazing. And hair and makeup. When I get out of the makeup and hair trailer and I have to walk out, my head is so heavy from all the pins! You slip on the girdle and the panty hose, and you're completely transformed.

Favorite outfits?

Camp: Oh, I love my white coat. I did not take home my pointy bra. [Laughs]

Angelson: Don't make me pick among my children. They're my babies, I love them all so much. There's a scene in which I go to a jazz club and I'm wearing this long green dress that just made me feel like I was the queen of the ocean. I only got to wear it in that scene, and it was like, "Dammit, so little exposure, for such a moment!"

Darke: I like to think that if we come back for Season 2, [our favorite outfits] will just be in our closet, they can come back. I love the clothing of that era because it appreciates the female form and embrace curves and femininity in a way that a lot of clothes today don't.

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The first rock doc for the eight-megaton proto-punk outfit The Stooges is far from business as usual. It's a shaggier affair than most, made by Jim Jarmusch, longtime friend of shirtless lunatic/frontman Iggy Pop. Jarmusch trades slickness for chumminess, plus better stories than they'd give strangers. The gang dwell more on the hilarious screwups than the masterstrokes, including that time they actually bothered to call up Moe Howard to ask if they could use the name. We learn about a band who stumbled into the '60s music scene like a bunch of Clouseaus, and still created some of the greatest, most bombastic music of all time. They never sold out and, in Jarmusch, they have a brother-in-arms. **M.P.** *Friday, Oct. 28, 5:10 p.m., Ritz East*

DANNY FIELDS, GILLIAN MCCAIN

'ABACUS: SMALL ENOUGH TO JAIL'

The documentarian Steve James is a chameleon. He can do long-form verite ("Hoop Dreams," "The Interrupters"), biographies ("Life Itself") and cine essays ("No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson"). His latest finds James doing topical journalism, telling the sad, dark story of what befell Abacus Federal Savings, a mom-and-pop bank operating out of NYC's Chinatown, and the only federal institution that was prosecuted after the 2008 economic catastrophe. It was pure bunk, too, a case where the feds looked to make an example, but out of people who ran one of the most honest banks in the world. James spends enough time with CEO Thomas Sung and his family/employees that it's not all facts and figures, showing the grind a years-long investigation can do to people who know they're right. **M.P.** *Friday, Oct. 28, 5:05 p.m., Ritz Five*

SEAN LYNESS

"THE DEKALOG"

It's newly out on Criterion, but only a big movie theater can contain the grandiose ideas and emotions in Krzysztof Kieslowski's legendary (and freshly remastered) 10-part TV opus. The episodes are loosely based around the 10 Commandments, each a concise and devastating moral dilemma. The heroes kill, steal, cheat, covet, blaspheme, even, yes, fail to keep the Sabbath holy. They're all sinners, but they're not to be judged. They're to be understood. Devastating, horrifying and, in the final episode, disarmingly funny, these films train us in the art of boundless compassion. All 10 episodes will be screened in one fell swoop, with intermissions and an hour earmarked for dinner. It'll be the year's best binge watch. **M.P.** *Saturday, Oct. 29, 12 p.m., Ritz East*

ANUS FILMS

'DO NOT RESIST'

An activist doc that's as formally exciting as it is blood-curdling, this study of the growing militarization of the police doesn't need to lecture us to get under our skin. Starting with hair-raising footage from Ferguson, director Craig Atkinson patiently tracks through a new problem that's already well out of control, with localized police forces cheerfully taking federal money and military doohickeys to combat the citizens it should be protecting, not attacking. The issue reaches its darkly comic apex with no less than Rand Paul asking why small town police forces have added bayonets to their arsenals. **M.P.** *Sunday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., URBN Center Annex*

'I, DANIEL BLAKE'

For better and worse, the new Ken Loach film is a Ken Loach film. There will be righteously angry working class Englanders. There will be corny jokes. There will be at least two or three times when the plotting, by Loach's longtime regular writer Paul Laverty, will turn so calculatedly grim you can only respond with a forehead slap. And there will be times when you forgive the preachiness because Loach understands the down-and-out like no other. Here, an aging, ailing construction worker (Dave Johns) suffers through the labyrinth of England's bureaucracy, making friends with a spark plug single mom (Hayley Squires) in similarly dire straits. Mystifyingly, this all-too-typical entry scored top prize at the Cannes Film Festival, which only makes it seem worse: You're better off focusing on the little bits that kill, not the big moves that don't. **M.P.** *Saturday, Oct. 29, 5:05 p.m., Ritz East*

'ILLEGITIMATE'

This gripping Romanian drama opens with a heated argument during a family lunch. Much to his children's dismay, Victor, the patriarch, admits he prevented women from having abortions during the country's Communist regime. When his daughter Sasha discovers she is pregnant by her twin brother Romeo, she wants to terminate. Director/co-writer Adrian Sitaru deftly navigates the family's social and moral conundrums without judgment. **G.M.K.** *Sunday, Oct. 30, 6:45 p.m., Ritz East*

'LOVETRUE'

Alma Har'el's exquisitely made documentary (produced by Shia LaBeouf) features three stories about love — but they aren't love stories. In Alaska, Joel loves Blake, a dancer; in Hawaii, Willie, a surfer, loves his son; and in New York City, Victory, a teenager, loves her parents. Har'el gets her subjects to open up and discuss some painful things about their lives and relationships, and some of the revelations are heartbreaking. But it is Har'el's distinctive approach to storytelling — e.g., employing an actress to portray "Older Blake" — that add layers of depth and meaning. "LoveTrue" is unusual, but it is also poignant and inspiring. **G.M.K.** *Sunday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Ritz Five*

"THE REHEARSAL"

In 1999, New Zealand director Alison Maclean brought us "Jesus' Son," an eccentric, playful and perfectly judged stab at Denis Johnson that captured a distinctive voice while bringing her own. Jump 17 years, and she finally got to make a follow-up. "The Rehearsal," about a group of young drama students, doesn't entirely make up for lost time, but it does remind you what a lively talent she is. No shot is tossed off, and the smallest scenes are sometimes the best, using off-beat framing or even a specific shade of sky to convey character psychology. It also has a bland everyguy as a hero — a big comedown compared to "Jesus' Son's" hungry, goofy FH, brought to us by Billy Crudup's finest screen performance. On the other hand, someone finally remembered Kerry Fox, as the troupe's bitchy but warm teacher, is one helluva actor. **M.P.** *Saturday, Oct. 29, 12:20 p.m., Ritz East*

Reviewed last week, playing this one, too

Here's another chance to catch the Dardenne brothers' **"The Unknown Girl"**; Olivier Assayas' **"Personal Shopper,"** starring Kristen Stewart; Park Chan-wook's lesbian thriller **"The Handmaiden"**; and **"The Salesman,"** from "A Separation's" Asghar Farhadi.

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"Inferno"

Director: Ron Howard
Stars: Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones
Rating: PG-13

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At least in "Inferno," Tom Hanks (with Felicity Jones) doesn't have to rock his "Da Vinci Code"-era rich guy mullet.
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"Renowned curator Jacques Sauniere staggered through the vaulted archway of the museum's Grand Gallery." So begins Dan Brown's "Da Vinci Code." It might be the worst opening sentence in literature: clunky, artlessly expository, lacking the elegance of, say, E.L. James. The prose doesn't get better. It is, however, consistently and distractingly hilarious. Expecting a brain-dead page-turner, this writer couldn't stop laughing enough to get past page 40. Finishing simply would have taken too much time.

Those 40, enjoyably terrible pages were more joyful than watching the inevitable, joyless movie from a decade back. It's even worse with "Inferno," the third hang with renegade symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks, uncharacteristically indifferent). Once again directed by Ron Howard — imagine being Dan Brown's go-to director — it doesn't even look fancy. Handsome Italian and Turkish locations aside, it looks cheap, rushed, edited to get this over with, not to untangle the book's convoluted plot.

This time our academic hero — the Indiana Jones of art heads, it seems, and less a nerd than a walking daily trivia app — is out to thwart a plot to poison half the world's population ... by flaunting his knowledge of Botticelli murals and sculptures of Dante! Waking up in a hospital room with supermigraines and selective amnesia, he goes "Three Days of the Condor" with a plucky nurse (Felicity Jones). The on-the-lam May-December not-lovers (thankfully) try to escape from assassins and three separate groups of government agents, one of them, maybe two, maybe all possibly bunk.

Howard et. al. don't bother making this make sense. Then again, what are you doing paying attention to the story? Stripped bare, "Inferno" is a morass of inexplicable escapes, juiceless chases and world-dominating schemes that would perplex a Bond villain. The thrills are confusing and low-energy — a blur of herky-jerky camera work and motivation-free POV shots. A cadre of fine international actors (Irrfan Khan, Omar Sy, "The Duke of Burgundy's" Sidse Babett Knudsen) pop up to do little but mirthlessly spout nonsense. Brown's putrid tomes deserve to be TV movies, not Hollywood A-pictures peopled with great actors and Oscar winners. Thing is, it feels like a TV movie anyway, an IMAX screen filled with pure garbage, but not the fun kind.

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"Certain Women"

Director: Kelly Reichardt
Stars: Laura Dern, Michelle Williams
Rating: R

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Movies with multiple stories tend to keep things small, but the events in the latest from Kelly Reichardt ("Wendy and Lucy") are so minor we don't realize they're momentous until they're wrapping up. Even when, in the first tale, a lawyer (Laura Dern) gets involved in a hostage situation with a wronged client (Jared Harris), it somehow seems mundane.

Weaving stories by Maile Meloy, "Short Cuts"-style, Reichardt lets her episodes unfold organically, leaving in longeurs most movies elide. She tells of a woman (Michelle Williams) trying to buy sandstone from an old man (Rene Auberjonois). Later she sketches the budding, perhaps one-sided friendship between a lonely ranch hand (Lily Gladstone) and a frazzled night-school teacher (Kristen Stewart).

Reichardt is beyond subtle — her latest is destined for the "Understated Dramas" section of Netflix Instant — but that's all part of her plan. What "Certain Women" offers is more than mere slices of life. Each story ends with a disappointment, ones that will haunt the characters forever, but probably not in ways that will make them change their life course. The nonevents that transpire are destined to be those memories that rise up years, decades down the line, out of nowhere, half-remembered moments that shaped us in ways we can never define. "Certain Women" acts the same way: It lingers, sticking in the back of your brain, hitting you long after it's over. MP

Michelle Williams pops up in the second story in Kelly Reichardt's "Certain Women." SUNDANCE SELECTS

Rebecca Hall takes on the role of Christine Chubbuck, the TV reporter known for shooting herself on the air in 1974, in Antonio Campos' "Christine." THE ORCHARD

"Christine"

Director: Antonio Campos
Stars: Rebecca Hall, Michael C. Hall
Rating: R

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The sad story of Christine Chubbuck — the Florida news reporter who shot herself live on the air in 1974 — is upsetting enough that this year it's birthed two movies. There's Robert Greene's doc "Kate Plays Christine," which argued that any traditional biopic about her would be an ethical violation. And there's Antonio Campos' "Christine," a traditional biopic.

Thing is, Campos' entry isn't so easily taken down. Rebecca Hall plays Chubbuck as a bundle of nerves, bad at making friends and desperately trying to make it as a journalist who can (but won't) make a difference. The movie doesn't treat her as someone bound for an infamously grim end; it could play just fine as a character study — a sad portrait of loneliness and depression.

Rather than canceling each other out, the two films work better together. Unlike Greene's, Campos' take has the space to show what it must have been like to live in her skin. In tandem, they help rescue a lost soul from being someone you know only because of her end. MP

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Too cool for the tabloids

Felicity Jones talks "Inferno" and how her life is a little too boring for gossip hounds.

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Felicity Jones stars opposite Tom Hanks in "Inferno," the third film based on a Dan Brown book. COLUMBIA PICTURES

Felicity Jones is in the midst of the biggest year of her career. First up, the British actress and Oscar nominee is starring as Dr. Sienna Brooks opposite Tom Hanks in Ron Howard's "Inferno," the third film based on Dan Brown's best sellers. On the heels of that is "A Monster Calls" where the 33-year-old plays a single mom with terminal cancer, before topping it all off as Rebel Alliance fighter Jyn Erso, in "Star Wars: Rogue One." It's going to be a life changer. Despite being on the cusp of global fame, Jones says she's still got a lot to learn and explains why she prefers the quiet life.

How was it to work with Ron Howard?
I've always said that you learn something with every project. On this occasion, "Inferno" showed me that nothing is carved in stone regarding work, because it was something completely different to what I've done. I learned from Ron and Tom that you have to enjoy your job for it to be noticed on the big screen. I worked with two of the most creative and fun people in the industry. While shooting we laughed so much that just remembering it my stomach hurt. The team was so full of energy and enthusiasm. It was like it was everybody's first movie, and that was contagious.

What can you tell us about your character?
I liked the way they show her as a strong, intelligent woman. She is a doctor at a hospital in Florence, who looks after [Hanks'] Robert Langdon after his accident. Throughout the story, she performs various tasks that put her in the spotlight. I think the burden she has shows the potential of women without falling into feminism or excesses or weaknesses.

You've worked alongside some huge names in your career. Have you ever felt intimidated?
Not to date. I've had great support from my colleagues, both on film and television. I have never felt threatened or belittled during any projects. Because that is like being afraid, and if there is something I am sure of, it is how to do my job. Obviously, there is always criticism or comments when I think, "That would probably not be said to another actor." There is still much to achieve to have gender balance in this industry, but I think great steps have been made.

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You're playing a Rebel Alliance fighter in "Star Wars: Rogue One." Did you get to kick some butt?
It was exhausting work. I had to take kung fu classes and learn how to fight. I left behind any English elegance. In the end, I surprised myself at what I was able to cope with. Jyn Erso has a strength and power to her beyond the physical, and that's why I think she is very similar to the character of Princess Leia. Jyn is smaller than the others around her, but she has enormous strength.

This could be a career-defining year for you. Are you starting to attract more attention from the press and paparazzi?
I think I'm too boring for them and I need to be more outrageous [laughs], because of the kind of films I do.

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This Halloween, Philadelphia gets a little more "Poe-tic" at the very first Edgar Allan Poe Arts Festival at the German Society of Pennsylvania today. Created in partnership with the Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site, this celebration hopes to bring festivalgoers back to the origins of "All Hallows' Eve."

Helen McKenna-Uff, interpretive park ranger from the Poe National Historical Site, says, "Halloween was first celebrated as the precursor to All Saints' Day. Poe was very spiritual. He loved the arts and music. We want to bring those spiritual roots to this year's festival."

She should know. Helen has been playing the famed author for the past 17 years and will resume the role at the festival to provide some insight on how the author died. Think you can make a convincing Poe? Take part in the costume contest or submit your original Poe-inspired poem for their "POEtry" contest on social media. The winners will be invited to perform on stage the night of the festival.

If the written word is more your flavor, handwriting expert and member of the Vidocq Society Robert Phillips will be on stage to analyze the handwriting from a select few willing volunteers. Turns out that Poe was quite the writing critic—he was often referred to as the "Tomahawk Man" for his harsh critique of fellow authors. Just ask Rufus W. Griswold, his self-proclaimed "literary executor" who took great pride in penning a damaging obituary of his former friend that many believe is the reason Poe has gotten as much attention for his character as his body of work.

There will also be tours of the Poe historical site complete with appearances by characters and creatures from the author's imagination lurking behind every corner. Poe had lived in Philadelphia for six years but he had only resided at this location from 1843-1844. While there, he published "The Gold Bug" and "The Spectacles."

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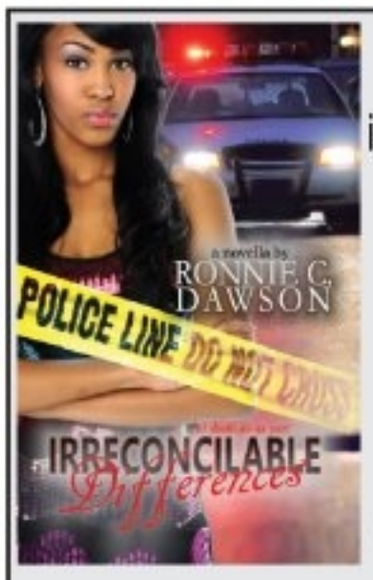

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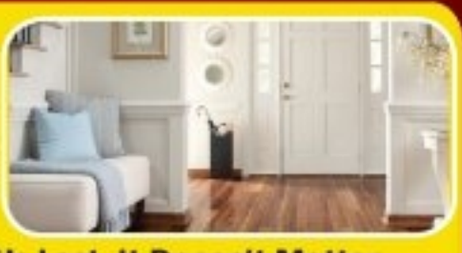

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3 Things to watch for when the Eagles, Cowboys renew rivalry

The Eagles and Cowboys are bringing pizzazz back to the NFC East this season. GETTY IMAGES

Can the Eagles defense slow down the Cowboys running game?

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Even if the Eagles and Cowboys weren't among the best teams in the entire NFC, Sunday night's nationally televised game (NBC, 8:30) would be circled on every calendar among fan bases for both teams.

The two top dogs — barely, as the Redskins and Giants are also above the .500 mark — will do battle in Big D and whoever comes out on top will own the NFC East lead for at least one week.

After Philly's impressive defensive display at home against Minnesota in Week 7 and a continued offensive prowess from Dallas and its run-dominant attack, something will need to give as two of the best units will do battle in Week 8.

Here are three things the Eagles must do to succeed:

1 Deke Zeke

The Cowboys average an NFL-best 161.2 yards per game on the ground and lead the league with 11 rushing touchdowns. Rookie sensation Ezekiel Elliott is not only the leader for Rookie of the year — he's a contender for NFL MVP.

Philly's No. 1 priority will be slowing down Elliott and the Dallas offensive line which has sprung him forward.

"He can run outside, he can run inside. He's a one-cut runner. He fits their offense really well," Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz said. "There are some guys that you say, 'OK, we take their inside away and they can't go outside.' Other guys, you say, 'Hey, if you make them run inside the darkness, they are not going to be as effective.' Their scheme gives him the ability to make the cut as he sees it. So it turns into, it's not just a single man. Everybody on defense has to do the job; if one guy is out of place or one guy misses a tackle, he can make a big play."

When Dallas runs the ball, they keep the ball. When they keep the ball they score points. And when they get ahead, they make their opponents one-dimensional. The Eagles must find a way to get their defense off the field.

2 Keep Beasley, Witten under wraps

Gone — at least temporarily (but perhaps permanently) are the days of Tony Romo and Dez Bryant torching Eagles defenses. Instead, a new era offensively seems to be fueling the Cowboys, led by rookie Dak Prescott.

Prescott's favorite weapons have been Cole Beasley and Jason Witten. If the Eagles can handle the run game, those two will be the next biggest threats.

"He's their leading third down-receiver," Schwartz said of the 5-foot-8 Beasley. "He finds a way to get open. He's slippery in there. He's very, very quick and you know, they do a good job scheming to get him open. I mean, he's a good run after the catch [guy] also."

Witten, according to Schwartz, is an future hall of famer, and making sure he doesn't find himself in a favorable mismatch.

"Witten is a great blocker and he is really a tough matchup when it comes to option routes. He's very strong and he's incredibly durable."

3 Where's the big play?

Over the last three weeks, the Eagles have posted just one play of 30 yards or more on offense. With the Cowboys likely to run the ball ferociously, the Eagles need to take advantage of their chances when they have the ball.

"I think when we look back on the film from the last few weeks, there are a few plays — just a little something here or maybe we missed something here," Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich said. "There were opportunities. I just say this: There have been opportunities that we just missed for one reason or another."

One way they've squandered chances is by committing 54 penalties, costing them 457 yards. Dallas has been flagged for only 36 for 284 yards. The Eagles must win the penalties battle.

"We all know the type of runner that [Ezekiel] Elliott is, and it's no surprise that he's having the success, either."

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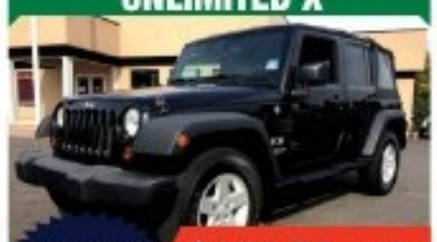
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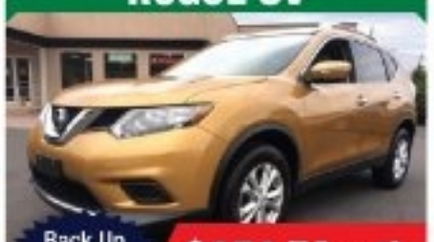
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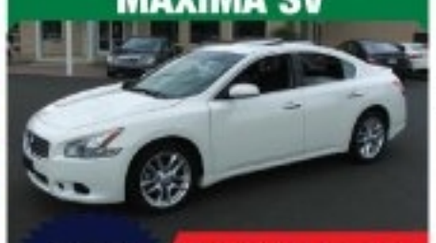
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FANTASY FOOTBALL: HIGH ON THOMPSON, ASIATA; SOUND ALARM ON JORDY NELSON

FANTASY FOOTBALL

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Week 8 marks the beginning of the "bye week blues" — with six teams on bye, it's more important now than ever to be alert on the waiver wire. Be sure to check out Rotoballer.com's Fantasy Football Waiver Wire Tool for up-to-the-hour waiver wire advice and ideas, and to follow me @Roto_Dubs for quick-hitting news and analysis.

Thompson could thrive thanks to Matt Jones' miscues

Matt Jones entered 2016 as the starting running back for the Washington Redskins, but his position could be in very real danger thanks to a number of costly mistakes. Since the beginning of his rookie season (2015), Jones has coughed up the football eight times, with two of those coming this past Sunday against Detroit. Chris Thompson, on the other hand, has emerged as a sturdy second option for the Redskins, particularly in the passing game. Thompson was excellent once Jones was benched on Sunday, tallying 73 yards on 12 carries. The Redskins seem to be losing patience with Jones, and as he loses touches the dynamic Thompson will pick them up.

Matt Asiata sneaks into flex range

While Jerick McKinnon is the bigger name, it's actually been Matt Asiata making an impact at running back for the Vikings lately. Asiata has been quietly outperforming McKinnon in recent weeks, with 110 rushing yards on just 26 carries as compared to McKinnon's 79 yards on 31 carries since Week 5. Asiata has also been the favorite on passing downs, with nine catches for 71 yards in that time frame compared to McKinnon's two catches for 15 yards. On top of all of that, McKinnon is currently dealing with a minor ankle injury, and while it shouldn't cost him any playing time it certainly leaves the door open for Asiata to continue to carve out a bigger role.

Washington running back Chris Thompson is worth a look. GETTY IMAGES

Jordy's value in jeopardy

Over the last two weeks, veteran wide out Jordy Nelson has faded on the Green Bay passing game pecking order. As Aaron Rodgers has seemingly struggled, he has begun to spread the ball around to his ancillary receivers Davante Adams, Randall Cobb and the newly discovered hybrid player Ty Montgomery. Nelson has just six catches for 77 yards over the last two weeks, which is well behind all three of the aforementioned players as far as fantasy production is concerned.

NFL sleepers of the week

Each week we will identify three players worth taking a shot on in deeper leagues.

Ladarius Green, TE, Pittsburgh Steelers — Green has been on the PUP list since the preseason with a lingering ankle injury, but he is set to begin practicing this week and makes for a great stash for the stretch run.

Dion Lewis, RB, New England Patriots — Lewis could be ready as soon as Week 9 to contribute to the explosive Pats offense.

Marqise Lee, WR, Jacksonville Jaguars — The number three option in the Jacksonville offense has seen at least seven targets in each of the last five weeks.

Seahawks, Cowboys, Falcons are best bets in Week 8 action

Good offense faces good defense in this week's top match ups.

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The Eagles are getting four points on the road against a bitter rival. GETTY IMAGES

Seahawks (-2.5) at Saints

The Seattle offense has looked wretched at times this season, but they'll meet little resistance this Sunday as they pay a visit to New Orleans. The Saints have allowed over 400 YPG on defense this year, and a league-worst 32.5 PPG. The Saints' front seven have also been inept at getting to the quarterback, totaling just nine sacks through six games. Russell Wilson should have plenty of time to find his targets down the field all game long. As for his opposite number, Drew Brees will have to combat a Seattle defense that allowed only six points in Arizona last week while on the field for over 46 minutes of game time. *The pick: Seahawks -2.5*

Packers at Falcons (-2.5)

Green Bay has been a good team to fade this season (2-3-1 ATS) while Atlanta has been rewarding its backers all year long (5-2 ATS). Expect those trends to continue at the Georgia Dome this week.

Matt Ryan should pick apart the Packers' mediocre pass stoppers (15th in the NFL) while handing the ball off to Devonta Freeman whenever necessary. The Falcons are near the bottom of the league when it comes to pass defense, but Aaron Rodgers has looked lost at QB for Green Bay this season (career lows in multiple categories). Atlanta should also stymie the Packers' run game, which will be led by desperation-option Knile Davis this week after Eddie Lacy and James Starks went down due to injury. *The pick: Falcons -2.5*

Best of the rest

- Washington @ Bengals (-3) (London)
- Jets (-3) @ Browns
- Chiefs (-2.5) @ Colts
- Lions @ Texans (-2.5)
- Patriots (-6.5) @ Bills
- Raiders @ Buccaneers (-1.5)
- Cardinals @ Panthers (-3)
- Chargers @ Broncos (-5.5)
- Vikings (-5) @ Bears

Eagles at Cowboys (-4)

The Eagles dismantled the previously undefeated Vikings last week, but they face a much sterner test in Dallas this Sunday, at least from a defensive standpoint.

The Cowboys have been the third-best offense by YPG this year and are expecting wide receiver Dez Bryant to be ready for his first game action since Week 3. As for the Eagles' offense, Carson Wentz hasn't thrown for over 250 yards in three successive weeks, and likely won't have his run game to bail him out. Dallas is top-10 in YPG allowed on the ground, and has surrendered just two rushing TDs all season. Expect the Cowboys (5-0-1 ATS this year) to keep paying off. *The pick: Cowboys -4*

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The sports podcast revolution

Listening habits are changing rapidly and sports podcasts are at the forefront of an audio movement.

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We live in a rebellious age when it comes to content.

No one wants content to be force-fed to them as people want to watch, listen and read things on their own terms — not when a media company tells them to.

Sports talk radio has been thriving since the early 1990s in the U.S., and there are more sports talk radio stations than ever. So the appetite for sports audio is enormous. In the past 10 years, an alternate sports audio universe has emerged. It's a world where niche, little commercial interruption and zero structure reigns supreme. It's sports radio with no strings attached, and it's already a dominant force in the media world. PodcastOne, the dominant podcasting company in the world, generated a whopping 1.5 billion podcast downloads in 2015 and works with more than 100 brand advertisers. We spoke with PodcastOne's founder and executive chairman, Norm Pattiz, about the difference between sports radio and podcasting, as well as where the business is headed. Pattiz was also the founder of Westwood One, which became America's largest provider of news, sports and entertainment in the broadcast industry.

"You're not limited by radio formats with podcasts," Pattiz, who spent over 40 years in the radio-syndication business, said. "One of the chief attributes for us is that we've got a pause button. Radio doesn't have that, and when you get out of the car — that's it for the day.

"We, in podcasting, can do anything. It reminds me of my early days at Westwood One, when the company had 30 people instead of 3,000 people and it was smaller. I had more fun then, and I'm having a blast now."

Sports talk radio will often hammer home certain topics throughout the course of a day. Odell Beckham is acting up again? What an a-hole — that's half a show right there. NFL ratings are down? Why is that? There's your other half.

With sports podcasts, though, the listener can pick and choose the topic he or she wants to listen to. For instance, Pattiz says PodcastOne will soon unveil a podcast by Forbes devoted only to the business side of sports. This idea began with the first "sports" star of PodcastOne, former pro wrestler "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, as now there are hundreds of pro-wrestling-devoted podcasts.

Sports podcasts began popping up 10 years ago, with then-ESPN employee Bill Simmons leading the charge. His "BS Report" podcast routinely got over 30 million downloads per year in the early portion of this decade, and now Simmons' "Ringer" podcast brands itself as the most downloaded sports podcast of all time. PodcastOne does not feature Simmons, but it does have his pal, Adam Carolla, who is the most successful podcaster of all time. Just one typical Carolla podcast gets over 250,000 downloads.

"Adam dwarfs them all. He's made more money in podcasting than anyone," Pattiz said, of the former terrestrial-talk-radio host. "That said, 40 — maybe even 50 percent — of our top podcasts focus solely on sports."

Pattiz does not exactly have a "get with the times, already!" opinion of sports radio. He believes that sports podcasting and sports radio will be able to thrive for years to come.

"[Sports radio] will never go away," Pattiz said. "Play-by-play on radio has always been interconnected to the talk format. Always will be. In most cases, if you want play-by-play sports, you have to carry sports talk as well."

PodcastOne founder Norm Pattiz, left, talking with new podcast host Shaquille O'Neal. GETTY IMAGES

Metro's favorite sports podcasts

- "The Bill Simmons Podcast"
- "Jalen and Jacoby"
- "Fantasy Focus with Matthew Berry"
- "Barstool Sports' Pardon My Take"
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18 Liquid meas.
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20 Where to see Louis IV (2 wds.)
23 Up and about
26 -- -relief
27 Shopper's dread
28 Motels of yore
29 Gift tag word
30 Util. bill
31 London break
32 Nearest star
33 Latched onto
37 Woof!
38 Before, in combos
39 Dawn goddess
40 Census info
41 Artists' pads
43 A Stooge
44 Tijuana "Mrs."
45 Make a wrong move
46 Ladle
47 "Moonstruck" Oscar-winner
48 Diver's gear
51 Auric's creator
52 Raise spirits
53 Darkness at noon (2 wds.)
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57 -- vous plait
58 Peron's third wife
62 Kitchen pests
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64 Green film
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66 Cen. fractions
67 Casino patron's quest

Down

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2 Dandy
3 Back again
4 Pasta toppings
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6 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
7 Wild feline
8 Second president
9 Tree trunk
10 Falls upon
11 Ascertain
12 Florentine poet
13Gump and Rooney
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22 Polite word
23 Hayworth and Coolidge
24 Torpid
25 Foul-up
29 Turmoil
30 Flock together
32 Helix
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35 White heron
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46 J.R.'s town
47 Anti-slip devices
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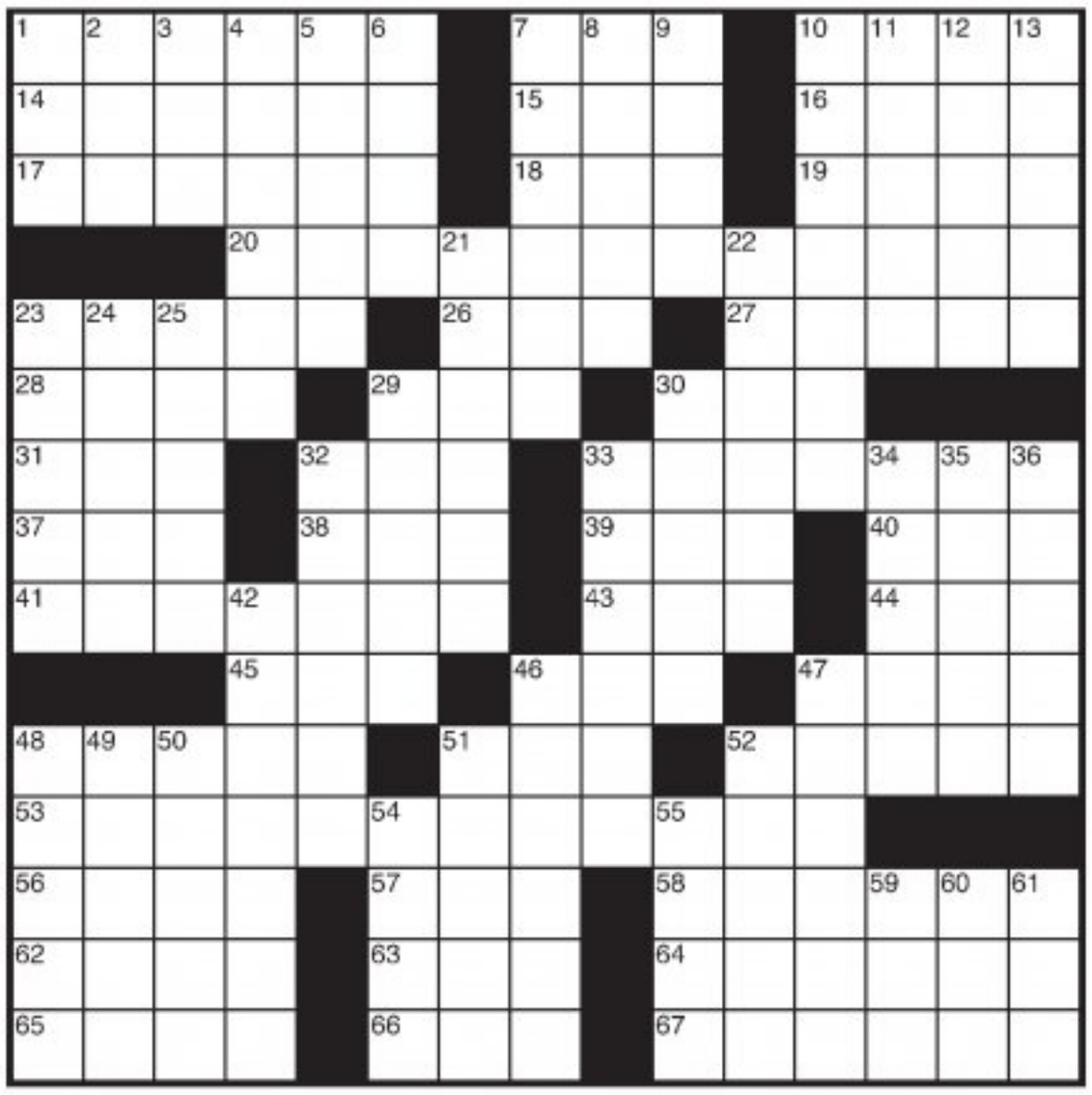

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Aries A change to your appearance or financial situation will be worth your while. Don't trust anyone but yourself to take care of your responsibilities or affairs.

Taurus A short discussion with someone you trust will help you put your life in perspective. Gain access to information that can help you improve your situation.

Gemini If you expand your interests, you will meet people who have something to offer. Don't take a risk, but be willing to make decisions and changes based on facts.

Cancer An idea you have has the potential to make you extra cash. If you get together with someone who could contribute to your plan, the collaboration will lead to victory.

Leo You may be entertaining and charming, but if you spread yourself too thin, you are likely to end up making someone who cares about you angry and upset.

Virgo A night out with a good friend will give you insight into your past and any baggage you are carrying. Use this knowledge to improve your life.

Libra Keep your life simple, display moderation and don't fight over petty issues. Getting out with a friend who can offer sound advice will help you bring about positive change.

Scorpio You will discover information that you can use to outsmart your opposition. Trust only in yourself, and don't be afraid to do things differently.

Sagittarius Step into a position that will give you greater power to make decisions that will influence your livelihood, community or a cause that concerns you.

Capricorn Use your intelligence and trust in hard work to get you where you want to go. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life.

Aquarius Stop overanalyzing things and start moving. It's your actions that will make a difference, not your words. Love and romance are on the rise and will improve your day.

Pisces Keep your life simple and your overhead down. You are best off cutting costs and having a talk with anyone who's depleting your funds. EUGENIA LAST

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